And it is meet I presently set forth.
Duke. I am sorry that your leisure serves you not.
Anthonio, gratifie this Gentleman;
For in my mind you are much bound to him.
Exit Duke and his traine.
Bass. Most worthy Gentleman, I and my friend
Have by your wisedome been this day acquitted
Of grievous penalties, in lieu whereof,
Three thousand Ducats due unto the Iew,
We freely cope your courtious paines withall.
Ant. And stand indebted over and above
In love and service to you ever-more.
Por. He is well paid that is well satisfied,
And I delivering you, am satisfied,
And therein do account my selfe well paid;
My minde was never yet more mercinary.
I pray you know me when we meet againe,
I wish you well, and so I take my leave.
Bass. Deere sir, of force I must attempt you further,
Take some remembrance of us as a tribute,
Not as fee: grant me two things I pray you,
Not to deny me, and to pardon me.
Por. You presse me farre, and therefore I will yeeld;
Give me your Gloves, Ile weare them for your sake,
And for your love Ile take this Ring from you.
Do not draw back your hand, Ile take no more,
And you in love shall not deny me this.
Bass. This Ring good sir, alas it is a trifle,
I will not shame my selfe to give you this.
Por. I will have nothing else but onely this,
And now me thinkes I have a mind to it.
Bass. There's more depends on this then on the value;
The dearest Ring in *Venice* will I give you,
And find it out by proclamation,
Onely for this I pray you pardon me.
Por. I see sir you are liberall in offers,
You taught me first to beg, and now me thinks
You teach me how a begger should be answered.
Bass. Good

Bass Good sir, this Ring was giv
And when she put it on, she made
That I should neither sell, nor give
Por. That scuse serves many me
And if your wife be not a mad wom
And know how well I have deserv
She would not hold out enemy for
For giving it to me: well, peace be
Anth. My L. *Bassanio*, let him ha
Let his deservings and my love wit
Be valued 'gainst your wives comm
Bass. Go *Gratiano*, runne and ove
Give him the Ring, and bring him i
Unto *Anthonio's* house, away, make
Come, you and I will thither prese
And in the morning early will we
Flie toward *Belmont*, come *Antho*

Enter Nerriss

Por. Enquire the Iewes house ou
And let him signe it, wee'l away to
And be a day before our husbands h
This deed will be well welcome t

Enter Gratian

Grat. Faire sir, you are well ore
My Lord *Bassanio* upon more advi
Hath sent you here this Ring, and d
Your company at dinner.
Por. That cannot be;
His Ring I do accept most thankfu
And so I pray you tell him: furthe
I pray you shew my youth old *Sh*
Grat. That will I do.
Ner. Sir, I would speak with y
Ile see if I can get my husbands Ri
Which I did make him sweare to

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